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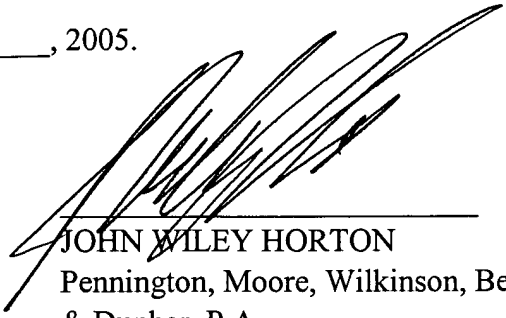
1. (Original) A device which allows a user to mount a variety of objects to a fixed point, comprising:

- a. a receiver, fixedly attached to said fixed point, wherein said receiver has
  - i. a top surface;
  - ii. a slot opening in said top surface and descending downward therefrom, having an upper portion and a lower portion;
  - iii. wherein said slot is bounded by a back wall, a front wall, a first side wall, and a second side wall;
  - iv. wherein said first and second side walls of said slot taper toward each other so that said upper portion of said slot is wider than said lower portion of said slot;
- b. a modular mount, including
  - i. attachment means for fixedly attaching one of said variety of objects to said modular mount;
  - ii. a plate;
  - iii. a tang descending from said plate;
  - iv. a first step proximate a junction between said tang and said plate;
  - v. a second step proximate said junction between said tang and said plate;
  - vi. wherein said tang has a back wall, a front wall, a first side wall, and a second side wall; and
  - vii. wherein said first and second side walls of said tang taper toward each other so

that said upper portion of said tang is wider than said lower portion of said tang, so that when said user slides said tang into said slot in order to mount said one of said variety of objects, said first and second steps will bear against said top surface just before said first and second side walls of said tang bear against said first and second side walls of said slot, whereby said tang will be constrained within said slot without binding.

2. (Original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said receiver has an open front in order to allow clearance for said mounting means.
3. (Original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein:
  - a. said one of said variety of objects comprises a fishing rod; and
  - b. said mounting means comprises a hollow and tubular rod holder attached to said modular mount.
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